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BUILDING SYSTEMS (10.02)

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1. US "INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDING SYSTEMS AND UTILITIES"  
DELEGATION UNDER THE US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT, HEADED  
BY HUD UNDER SECRETARY JAY JANIS, COMPLETED EIGHT DAY  
TRIP TO THE USSR JUNE 6. US DELEGATION MEMBERS  
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE VISIT MAY HAVE LAID A FOUNDATION  
FOR MORE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND TECHNICALLY SIGNIFICANT  
EXCHANGES IN THE FUTURE. US DELEGATION ARRIVED WITH  
DRAFT PROTOCOL ALREADY PREPARED AND SOVIETS ACCEPTED  
US VERSION ALMOST IN ITS ENTIRETY. US DELEGATION LEADER  
EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH AGREEMENT TO  
HOLD A JOINT SEMINAR ON "INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND FOR  
UTILITIES AND ENERGY CONSERVATION" IN APRIL, 1979 IN THE  
US AND A JOINT SEMINAR ON "EXTERNAL UTILITY SYSTEMS FOR  
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POPULATED AREAS" IN THE USSR IN MAY, 1979. THE TWO PAR-  
TIES ALSO AGREED TO DEVELOP A JOINT GLOSSARY OF TECHNI-  
CAL TERMS IN THE UTILITIES FIELD, WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED  
IN THE GLOSSARY BEING PREPARED BY THE 10.01 WORKING  
GROUP OF THE HOUSING AGREEMENT.

2. US DELEGATION MEMBERS COMMENTED THAT THIS VISIT,

COUPLED WITH SIMILAR VISIT UNDER 10.02 WORKING GROUP IN 1977, HAD GIVEN US A GENERAL IDEA OF THE "STATE OF THE ART" IN UTILITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION. US DELEGATION EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MOVE FROM WIDE-RANGING DELEGATION VISITS SUCH AS THIS ONE TO MORE NARROWLY FOCUSED, LONGER TERM VISITS BY ONE OR TWO SPECIALISTS. US DELEGATION MEMBERS ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO SOVIET UTILITIES TEST FACILITIES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN AND TO ANALYZE DATA DERIVED FROM JOINT TESTS, EXPECIALLY IN CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITIES SYSTEMS IN SEISMIC AREAS. DISTRICT HEATING, EXPECIALLY SOVIET USE OF THE MODULAR INTEGRATED APPROACH TO CONSTRUCTING DISTRICT HEATING PLANTS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST ACCORDING TO DELEGATION MEMBERS.

3. ON LAST DAY OF VISIT UNDERSECRETARY JANIS MET GENNADIY FOMIN, CHAIRMAN OF GOSGRAZHDANSTROY, WHO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN CONTINUING US-SOVIET COOPERATION UNDER THE HOUSING AGREEMENT. FOMIN STATED THAT SOVIETS DESIRE TO MOVE FROM THE STAGE OF BROAD, FAMILIARIZATION TOURS TO MORE SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF DEEPER TECHNICAL CHARACTER. FOMIN ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN SOLAR ENERGY.

4. AT LAST MINUTE SOVIETS ARRANGED A PROGRAM FOR MRS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JANIS, WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO DAY CARE FACILITIES AND TO INSTITUTES INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN OF SCHOOLS AND DAY CARE FACILITIES. INTOURIST, MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AND MFA HAD ALL EARLIER REFUSED TO ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR MRS. JANIS BECAUSE SHE WAS A GUEST OF GOSSTROY.

5. COMMENT: FOMIN'S REMARKS ON SOVIET DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD MORE SPECIFIC AND MORE FOCUSED TECHNICAL EXCHANGES WOULD APPEAR TO PARALLEL DESIRES EXPRESSED BY US DELEGATION MEMBERS. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER AN EXCHANGE OF LONG TERM SPECIALISTS IN 10.02 WORKING GROUP, WITH US SPECIALISTS WORKING IN SOVIET TEST FACILITIES OR IN SOVIET DISTRICT HEATING FACILITIES, ALONG THE LINES OF THE EXCHANGE OF LONG TERM SPECIALISTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITHIN 10.05 WORKING GROUP. FOMIN'S INTEREST IN US SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES IS CURIOUS IN VIEW OF EARLIER SOVIET REJECTION OF PROPOSED US VISITS TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES IN ASHKABAD AND TASHKENT, BECAUSE THESE WERE ALLEGEDLY BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 10.02 WORKING GROUP. IT ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH OFTEN ARISE WHEN US ATTEMPTS TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC EXCHANGE VISITS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE

INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS BETWEEN VARIOUS SOVIET MINISTRIES  
AND THE PAST RELUCTANCE OF GOSSTROY EXECUTIVE AGENTS FOR  
THE HOUSING AGREEMENT TO MAKE AN EFFORT AT INTER-AGENCY  
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